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Mr. David Core
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1101 14th Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Core:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated January 26, 1999, requesting an amendment of the marking requirements in 49 CFR 178.3(a)(5) and 178.503(a)(10) to allow steel container manufacturers to mark the top or side of a container with a durable marking that is less than or equal to the permanent mark required on the bottom of a container.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned petition number P-1371. If you should write or call us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Karim".

Jennifer Karim
Senior Transportation Regulations Specialist
Office of Hazardous Materials Standards